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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1259

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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 91875 AND COPENHAGEN 1127

SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONVEYED US VIEWS ON UNFICYP REDUCTIONS TO MFA. DANES CONTINUE TO PREFER COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL BUT ARE NOT WORKING TO FIXED OR EARLY TIME-TABLE AND ARE PREAPRED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF INFORMED MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR BIERRING ON MAY 7 OF US POSITION ON UNFICYP REDUCTIONS, BASED ON PARAS 3, 4 AND 5 OF STATE 91875. ON BAIS THIS GENERAL POSITION, EMBOFF THEN ASKED FOR DANISH RECONSIDERATION OF WITHDRAWAL DECISION, AS INSTRUCTED
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PARAS 6 AND 7.

2. BIERRING REFERRED TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATION (COPENHAGEN 1127) AND RELATED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITHIN ENMARK ITSELF ARE STILL CONTINUING. FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG HOPES TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PREDECESSOR K. B. ANDERSEN SHORTLY AND THERE MAY HAVE TO BE ANOTHER MEETING OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BEFORE MOVING TO CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER NORDICS. WITHDRAWAL IS TEMPORARILY SHELVED, THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH INTER-DEPARTMENT MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING ON THE SUBJECT. THESE MEETINGS ARE DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS INVOLVED, PREPARE FOR ORDERLY MOVEMENT WHEN DECISION FINALLY MADE, AND PERMIT FULL COORDINATION WITH SYG AND OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY NORDICS.

3. BIERRING SAID HE BELIEVES GULDBERG CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN HIS PRINCIPLED POSITION, I.E., COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL. GULDBERG AND DEFENSE MINISTER BRONDUM HAVE BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF WITHDRAWING BY BEGINNING OF 1975 BUT NO FIXED DEADLINE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. MOREOVER, BIERRING SAID, DANES WANT TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED AND, IF DANISH PLANS DON'T MESH WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS, HE ANTICIPATES CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN CARRYING THEM OUT. HE NOTED THAT MAY 1974 DANISH TROOP ROTATION IS GOING TO PROCEED ON SCHEDULE, UNDER WHICH ONE-HALF OF DENMARK'S DETACHMENT IS REPLACED EVERY 6 MONTHS.

4. BIERRING TOOK NOTE OF US DESIRES ABOUT MAINTAINING DANISH PARTICIPATION IN UNCIVPOL AND PROMISED TO CONVEY THEM TO HIS SUPERIORS, AS HE WOULD THE REST OF US VIEWS. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT POLICE COULD BE SOMETHING OF A PROBLEM BECUASE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN DENMARK AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO HAVE DANISH POLICE ON CYPRUS RETURNED HOME. FOUR OR FIVE OF THEM, HE INDICATED, HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO DENMARK.

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